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(d) whether steps are taken for giving alternate lands to the workers to be evicted from the Government lands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) The extent of salt pans in Government lands proposed to be leased in favour of Dharangadhara Chemical Works Company, Limited, is 121 acres 80 cents.

(b) The market value of 121 acres 80 cents of land works out to Rs. 1,21,800.

(c) The number of salt workers to be evicted from the land is reported to be 138.

(d) There is no proposal to give alternative lands to the workers to be evicted from the encroached lands, and they are expected to find for themselves with the compensation of Rs. 300 per acre given to them. Besides this the company has already assured the Collector of Tirunelveli that the displaced salt workers who satisfy the company's requirements will be preferred to outsiders for employment in the proposed factory.

Educated unemployed

* 36 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to open work and orientation centres for the educated unemployed in the State; and

(b) if so, the number and places of such centres proposed to be opened?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three centres, one each at Madras, Madurai and Coimbatore.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : How will these training centres help to solve the unemployment problem among the educated classes, Sir?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : They will be given vocational training and also advice as to the type of training or employment in which they should qualify themselves.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : When will these centres be opened, Sir?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Centres at Coimbatore and Madurai will be opened during the course of the current financial year and the one at Madras during the course of the next financial year.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : இந்த சென்ட்ரல்களில் என்னென்ன தொழில்களில் பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்படவேண்டும் என்பதற்கு இப்பொழுது அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் திட்டம் இருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : என்னென்ன தொழில்கள் அந்த வட்டாரங்களிலே தேவை, எந்தத் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு தேவை இருக்கிறது என்பது இப்பொழுது கணக்கு எடுக்கப்படுகிறது. அதையொட்டி அவர்கள் இன்னென்ன தொழில்களில் பயிற்சி பெற்றால் வேலை கிடைக்கும் என்று அவர்களுக்கு ஆலோசனை கூறி, அந்தத் தொழில்களுக்கான பயிற்சியில் ஈடுபடச் செய்யலாம்.

Conference of officials and non-officials held at Cuddalore in November 1958

* 37 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (on behalf of **SRI A. GOVINDASAMY**) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Hon. the Minister for Public Works attended a Conference at Cuddalore on 17th November 1958 with the Officers of Public Works Department, Irrigation and Highways Department and with the Members of State Legislature;

(b) the decisions reached at the Conference; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon so far?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Conference was convened to focus attention on local difficulties and requirements, to consider the suggestion of Members of Legislative Assembly, Members of Legislative Council and Members of Parliament, to review and take timely action to expediate the progress of works in the district and discuss matters relating to Planning and further utilisation of water resources. A statement^a on the action taken so far by the Government on the discussions at the Conference at Cuddalore is placed on the table of the House.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to hold such conferences in all the districts?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Certainly, Sir.